

On Thursday, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel will hold a hearing to investigate these issues in an effort to determine why the Department of Defense has failed to properly implement the legislation. As chairman of the subcommittee, I look forward to hearing witnesses explain and ensure that those serving in our Armed Forces are given the best available access to voter registration. Every reasonable effort should be made to enable a service-member's ability to vote.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our sympathies to the families of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and our Foreign Service officers in Libya and Egypt.

#### ATTACKS ON OUR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN LIBYA AND EGYPT

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disturbed by the attacks on our diplomatic missions in Libya and Egypt. Four Americans have now been killed, including U.S. Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens. These Americans served bravely and with distinction, and this is a terrible, terrible tragedy. I have seen this amateurish and stupid video, and there is nothing in it, despite the fact that it is deliberately provocative, that could ever justify the murders of these innocent people.

The fact is this must be condemned in the strongest terms. These individuals who didn't like this video—and there is much to dislike about it—could have peacefully protested or could have written letters. They could have registered their disapproval in a number of ways, but they resorted to murder. This is morally objectionable, and the whole world must condemn it. Of course, it doesn't help to provoke people even if you have the right to do so, but it is always wrong to respond with violence and mayhem.

#### VOICE OF TEXAS, KELLY FROM CROSBY, TEXAS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Texans have shared with me their stories about the businesses that they have built without the help of the Federal Government.

Kelly from Crosby, Texas, wrote me this:

Congressman, you are correct that small business owners carry the full load of government taxes.

On average, our small \$3 million-a-year business pays 35 percent in Federal taxes, pays Social Security of 7.45 percent, Federal unemployment tax, State franchise tax, school district and real estate property

taxes, and I am taxed on the computer used to send this email to you. And the President says I didn't build it? I beg to differ. During the first 3 years, my workweek was 80 hours a week. If the Federal Government's debt of \$16 trillion is not brought under control, it will not matter how hard I work, because the dollar's value will be worthless.

Federal Government, fix your spending problem, and put your House in order because small business is watching and thinking, If I ran my business like you run yours, the bank would foreclose.

Mr. Speaker, Kelly is correct. Big Government hasn't built America. American small business owners have built it—on their own.

And that's just the way it is.

#### THE WIND PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT

(Ms. TSONGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition to talk about a critical issue for Massachusetts and our Nation: the wind production tax credit.

Providing a modest credit of 2.2 cents per kilowatt hour generated, it has encouraged over \$75 billion in private investment over the last 5 years. Now 60 percent of the average turbine is manufactured here in the United States. These companies hire a diversity of workers and provide good-paying jobs in a rapidly growing sector of our economy.

Bay Stater Nigel Greene worked for GE Wind as a wind farm parts runner. He says:

I can tell you honestly that nothing gave me more pride in my country than seeing a turbine go from "in-repair" status back to "on-line" and producing clean, renewable power. It is truly a sight to behold.

Last year alone, clean energy jobs in Massachusetts grew 11 percent. If it is allowed to expire, we will lose an important new manufacturing opportunity and too many good-paying American jobs.

#### IMPLEMENTING THE JOBS ACT

(Ms. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, during our recess this past month, we held a small business roundtable in our Hudson Valley. Actually, everybody sat, transfixed—all the participants—for an hour and a half while talking about what our small businesses need to do and what we need to do to help our small businesses. One of the key considerations was to ease the climate for creating jobs and growing our businesses.

I am so proud to have supported the JOBS Act with our Democratic and Republican colleagues and with the Senate. It was signed into law, as we all know, in March by the President. To-

morrow, in the Financial Services Committee, we begin to review the implementation of the JOBS Act, and I hope that we can continue to work together to make true progress in growing our small businesses and in helping them by making sure that the path is clear for them to grow and thrive and prosper. This is a great example of how both parties can work together to achieve that goal.

#### EXTENDING THE PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, last month, our Nation reached a significant milestone in the growth of home-grown renewable energy. The United States surpassed 50 gigawatts of installed wind power capacity, which is enough to power over 13 million American households a year. This is a major accomplishment for an industry predicted to deliver only a quarter of that amount a decade ago.

We should be celebrating this success brought about by innovation, hard work, and smart policies. Sadly, the celebration may be a short one if Congress doesn't act swiftly to continue the bipartisan production tax credit, which is a key factor in wind power's expansion. My constituents who work at companies like Clipper Windpower and Infinity Wind Power have told me that letting the PTC lapse would devastate their industry and eliminate thousands of jobs.

It's time to give these companies certainty by taking up a multiyear extension of the PTC without delay. Our country cannot afford to pull the rug out from under a true American success story. Let's renew the production tax credit now and maintain our leadership in transitioning to cleaner, safer sources of energy.

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#### ATTACK ON U.S. CONSULATE

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, just 1 day after the 11th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States of America, sadly the American flag flies at half staff today at the U.S. Capitol once again following the senseless and tragic attack against our U.S. consulate in Libya, which left four patriotic Embassy workers laying dead.

Among those murdered include American Ambassador Christopher Stevens, marking one of the rare moments in U.S. history where a U.S. Ambassador is killed representing our Nation abroad. This type of cowardly and brutal attack is an outrage, and those responsible should be swiftly brought to justice.